THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE L. NARASIMHA REDDY

Writ Petition No.23561 of 1998

Dated 11-04-2007

Between:

Dr.Suhasini V.Reddy.

…Petitioner

And

Smt.D.Chandrakala, and others.

…Respondents

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ORDER:

The order, dated 23.01.1998, passed by the Authority under the

Minimum Wages Act-cum-Assistant Commissioner of Labour, Circle-III, Hyderabad, is challenged in this Writ Petition.

Respondents 1 to 9 are engaged workers for preparing and packing orosol powder, by the Institute of Preventive Medicine, Public Health Laboratories and Food (Health) Administration, Narayanaguda, Hyderabad. They are said to have been sponsored through the Andhra Pradesh Scheduled Caste Finance Corporation and the Andhra Pradesh Vikalangula Corporation, mostly as a rehabilitation measure. They were being paid wages at Rs.10/-, per day.

Respondents 1 to 9 approached the Authority under the Minimum Wages Act (for short 'the Act'), claiming benefits under G.O.Ms.Nos.16 and 1833, dated 06.01.1989 and 26.12.1992, respectively, and pleaded that they are entitled to be paid a sum of Rs.22,211.55 ps., each, towards difference, between the minimum wages and wages payable to them. The application was opposed by the petitioner. The Authority under the Act, allowed the application.

Heard the learned Government Pleader for Medical and Health and Sri V.Narasimha Goud, learned counsel appearing for respondents 1 to 9.

From a perusal of the order under challenge, it is evident that on earlier occasions also, respondents 1 to 9 approached the Authority, claiming minimum wages, and as and when orders were passed, they have been implemented by the petitioner. The petitioner does not dispute that respondents 1 to 9 have worked for the relevant period, or their entitlement under the said G.Os. This Court does not find any basis to interfere with the impugned order.

Hence, the Writ Petition is dismissed.

Half of the amount covered by the impugned order was paid in compliance with the condition imposed by this Court, while granting

interim orders on 17.09.1998. The petitioner is granted six weeks time to pay the balance amount.

There shall be no order as to costs.

L. NARASIMHA REDDY, J.

Dt.11-04-2007.

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